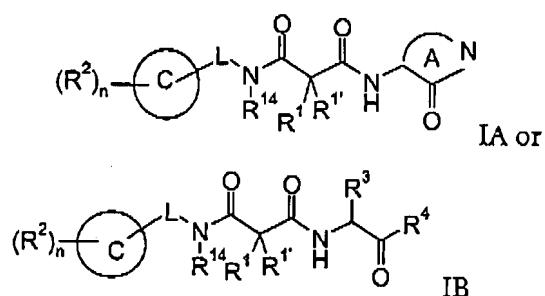


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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Abstract

The invention relates to malonamide derivatives of formula



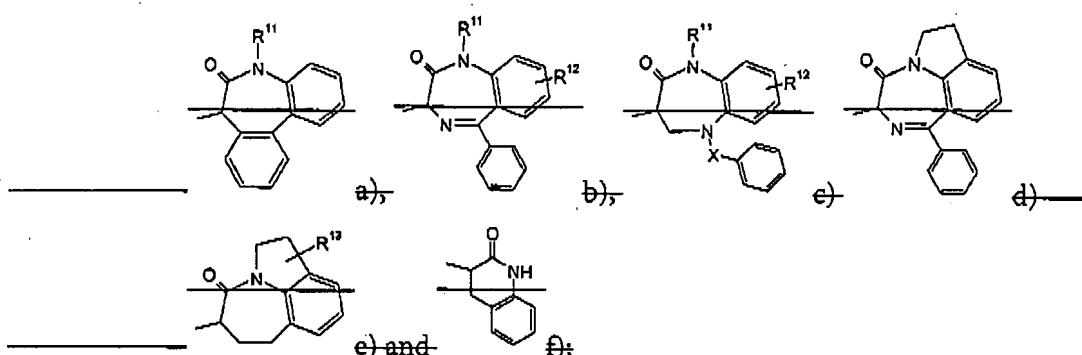
wherein each of the variables

L is a bond, $(\text{CH}_2)_m$, $\text{CH}(\text{CH}_3)$, or is

C is a cyclic ring, selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridinyl, furanyl, benzo[b]thiophenyl, tetrahydronaphthyl, indanyl, 2,2-dimethyl [1,3]dioxolanyl and tetrahydrafuranyl;

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and R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, R¹⁴, n and X are as defined in the specification and to pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof. The compounds are γ -secretase inhibitors. Thus, the invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds and to a method of treating Alzheimer's disease by administering the compounds of the invention.